

Zion Lutheran Church

March 15, 2026

Servants of Christ Project—Sunday, March 22

Please join us on **Sunday, March 22** to help tie fleece blankets for CoIP (Children of Incarcerated Parents.)
 Join us after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.
 Thank you for your help! If you have any questions please contact Sandy Bell at 301-371-4619.



**Noisy Offering:
 March 14/15
 Supporting
 Lantern Hill**



Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 3/14 Noisy Offering

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
 9:30 a.m. AA Group
 11:00 a.m. Private Baby Shower
 5:00 p.m. AA Group
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 3/15 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Lent in Plain Sight
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 12:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. 4-H Business Meeting & Activity
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 3/16

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 3/17

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
 7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday- 3/18

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
 12:00 p.m. JOY Luncheon
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Meal
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Children's Activity
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship

Thursday - 3/19

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
 10:00 p.m. Pastor Matt Deans' Zoom
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Middletown His. Soc. Board Mtg

Friday - 3/20

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 3/21

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
 9:30 a.m. AA Group
 5:00 p.m. AA Group
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship with Dedication of New Chairs

Sunday - 3/22

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Lent in Plain Sight
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School/Choir
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 12:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



COLLECTING WITH MATTHEW

6 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Children's Program
7 P.M. Evening Prayer

Midweek Lenten Children's Program!

On Wednesdays in Lent, kids are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive lesson using Zootopia while parents worship in the church! And dinner is provided at 6!

Maundy Thursday

One way we can teach the faith is through acting it out. Maundy Thursday worship is a perfect way to teach kids about Jesus' final hours before his death. Worship this night will be interactive for everyone, especially kids! Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and worship is at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Class

We meet in the back of the Chapel,
Sundays at 10 a.m.

Lent in Plain Sight —March 15 to April 19

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK March 28—April 5

Palm Sunday with the reading of the
Passion from Matthew - March 28/29
beginning outside

Maundy Thursday - April 2 at 7 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.

Good Friday - April 3 at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil - April 4 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Contemporary at
9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.

Children's Choir

Let's sing together! **On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month** at the end of Sunday School, we will have Children's Choir practice. Kids will sing and dance and have fun as they learn about their faith through song.



Hope to Faith

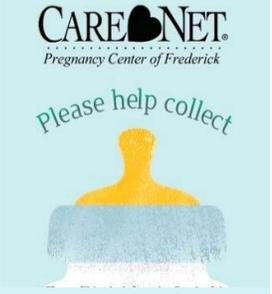
If you have experienced a loss recently or at any time in your life, please know that you are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and food! **Hope to Faith meets the last Monday of the month. Contact Dixie Eichelberger at 301-667-7586 for more information.**

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth)
Luncheon Join us for our next JOY Luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month, at 12 noon. Everyone in the Middletown Valley is welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. Call Alexa for reservations at 301-514-4479 by the Monday before the luncheon.



Tuesdays, through May 19, held in the Living Library from 6 - 8 p.m.

Zion will be helping the **Frederick Care Net Pregnancy Center** again this year **during Lent** by taking an empty baby bottle and filling it with loose change or a check (made payable to Care Net Pregnancy Center). **Please return your filled baby bottle to the PURPLE BOX in the Church Office on or before Easter Sunday, April 5.** Many thanks for always being a great supporter of Care Net. May God continue to bless you and your families! Any questions, please contact Donna Jean at djb6025139@gmail.com.




Community Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over and join us!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10 AM - NOON
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
107 WEST MAIN STREET
MIDDLETOWN, MD

Join us for a very special Easter celebration! There will be crafts, activities, a service project and an egg hunt! And don't forget to bring your baskets!

Filling Easter Eggs

If you would like to donate candy or help fill Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt please contact Pastor Matt.



Zion Golf Tournament—June 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Richland Golf Club, Middletown **Payment due with registration before May 15.**

Includes green fees, cart and catered Awards Banquet. Breakfast items provided by Zion Quilters. Lunch Banquet is provided at 2 p.m. For more information and fees please contact Deb Reichelt at office@zionmiddletown.org or call 240-490-1961.

Worship Services

Saturday: 5 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Christian Education: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Worship Service Viewing Options:

To view our weekly recorded worship service any time during the week, you can just click on the webpage link at www.zionmiddletown.org and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of one service each week is on the website; click the link and it will take you directly to the video.

MIDDLETOWN GREEN EXPO 2026

at the New Middletown Library
31 E. Green St., Middletown

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026, 2pm

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:



ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

FOOD TRUCKS

"GREEN" EXHIBITS

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

32nd Annual Empty Bowls Banquet
March 26, 2026



at Middletown High School Cafeteria
5:00 p.m. Doors & Silent Auction Open;
6:00 p.m. Dinner

The Empty Bowls Banquet is catered by Fratelli's Restaurant. **Tickets: \$15 adults, \$13 students and \$8 age 12 & under.** Tickets can be obtained from Donna Jean Brandenburg. Please call before 7 pm at 301-371-5139.

Raising money to fight hunger in our community.



Mar-Lu-Ridge CAMP DAY—**March 22, 1-4 p.m.** Camp tours, arts & crafts,
Camp & Retreat Center
Get ready for Summer 2026!

hiking, games, snacks & more! Enjoy a family afternoon at camp!

☀️ **Curious about our faith community? We'd love to connect with you! Scan the QR code to share your contact information, and we'll keep you updated on our events and activities. Join us in exploring a journey of faith, fellowship, and friendship. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms! ☀️**



Budget/Income Information-YTD as of February 28, 2026

YTD Actual Income \$80,423.

YTD Actual Expenses \$108,920.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in February 2026 by (-\$28,497.)

February Noisy Offering to Fresh Step Laundry—\$459.53